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NORFOLK, Va. – A former General Services Administration (GSA) Official was sentenced yesterday to 30 months in prison for accepting bribes in exchange for directing government procurement contracts to government contractors.

According to court documents, Charles W. Jones, 59, was employed as a Supervisory Construction Control Representative with the GSA in Richmond. He had responsibility for the management and oversight of construction and renovation projects at certain federal buildings throughout the Norfolk, Richmond, and Alexandria areas. Beginning in approximately December of 2015 and continuing through August 2019, Jones received bribes totaling \$411,192 from Daniel Crowe, in exchange for awarding them federal construction projects to his companies. In October of 2019, Jones received a cash payment from Jennifer Strickland, the President of SDC Contracting LLC, in exchange for awarding a contract valued at approximately \$1,369,501.

Crowe and Strickland have previously pleaded guilty and have been sentenced to related charges.

Jessica D. Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Carol Fortine Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration (GSA); Brian Dugan, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Norfolk Field Office; Christopher Dillard, Special Agent in Charge for the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS); and Michael Butler, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Economic Crimes Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen.

The General Services Administration (GSA) Office of Inspector General provided significant assistance in this case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Heck prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the <u>U.S. Attorney's Office</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information are located on the website of the <u>District Court</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia or on <u>PACER</u> by searching for Case No. 2:22-cr-66.

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